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Open Housing Agreement Reached in Patuxent Area

Acting Secretary of the Navy Robert H. B. Baldwin told Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara July 13 that owners and operators of housing facilities and trailer courts around the Patuxent River Naval Air Station, Md., have agreed to the open housing policy for all military personnel.

He also told Secretary McNamara all owners and operators except one around the Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Md., have agreed to the policy.

The owner who refused to agree will be informed that military personnel will not be permitted to sign new rentals or leases for his units unless he agrees to the open housing policy.

Secretary Baldwin was asked by Secretary McNamara to express his appreciation to all owners and operators in the two areas for "opening their doors to all our men and women in uniform, regardless of race, color or creed."

"The success at the Patuxent River Naval Air Station is what we are seeking—100 percent availability of housing for our servicemen and their families," the Secretary of Defense said.

AF Requires Two-Year Commitment On Some New Officer Promotions

A two-year service commitment is required by Air Force officers in the grades major through colonel and warrant officers in grades W-3 and W-4 who have accepted promotions since July 1.

The commitment is effective the date of promotion.

Officers with approved or pending resignation applications, which would result in separation prior to fulfillment of the commitment, must either withdraw the application or request that the separation date be extended beyond the completion date of the commitment.

Personnel officials said officers and warrant officers scheduled for temporary promotion should indicate an intent to decline the promotion if they do not wish to enter a two-year active duty commitment.

Most officers affected by the two-year commitment are majors and individuals still on the temporary colonel list and the recent warrant officer appointments.

FAREWELL HONORS—Three departing generals and the Commander in Chief, USAREUR and Seventh Army, Gen. James H. Polk, return to the reviewing stand following farewell honor ceremonies. Brig. Gen. O. Elliott Ursin (back left), 9th Hospital Center CG; Brig. Gen. Robert M. Williams, Judge Advocate (front left) and Maj. Gen. Walter E. Brinker, Comptroller, each received the Legion of Merit from Gen. Polk (back right).

President, Top Military Advisors Agree on RVN Troop Strength Increase

President Johnson said some additional troops are going to be needed in Vietnam and are going to be supplied.

"In consultation with our Allies, we will meet those needs as they arise," the President explained after meeting with Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara, Gen. Earle G. Wheeler, and Gen. William C. Westmoreland.

"We have reached a meeting of the minds," President Johnson said when asked if the increase will meet the request of Gen. Westmoreland.

As for troop deployment, the President noted that the exact time, the exact number, the exact type, the exact country will be worked on back in Vietnam following Gen. Westmoreland's return, and also in discussions with the services here and other Allies involved.

President Johnson stated that at no time during the Presidency has he been "more pleased with the quality of leadership," namely, the leadership being provided by Gen. Westmoreland and Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker.

Washington Memos

FINANCE OFFICIALS CAUTION that payment of emergency evacuation allowances for Middle East evacuees who have returned to the U.S. can be made only by the Air Force Accounting and Finance Center, Denver. Evacuees seeking payment should provide their complete U.S. address, to the Air Force Accounting and Finance Center, 3800 York St., Denver, Colo. 80205.

POLICY WHICH went into effect July 1 allows Navymen returning from Vietnam to be discharged early if they have less than 180-days left on their enlistment. Policy is change to BuPers Notice 1306 of December 8, 1966 which granted early outs for those with less than 90 days remaining. Normally, approval for early discharge will be granted. However, early discharge for men in critical ratings will be decided according to the needs of service.

BOARDS TO RECOMMEND officers for promotion to major general and brigadier general convened July 11 at Marine Corps Headquarters. Major general selection board, headed by Lt. Gen. Leonard F. Chapman, is authorized to recommend six officers. Brigadier general board can recommend eleven officers. It is headed by Lt. Gen. James M. Masters Sr.

JOINT ARMY-NAVY Amphibious Exercise, dubbed "Coral Sands Two," is scheduled for the island of Molokai, Hawaii, in early August. The 10-day training exercise will involve 3,000 soldiers of the Army's 11th Infantry Brigade and a like number of personnel from Navy's Amphibious Squadron 11. Commanding Army landing force will be Brig. Gen. Andy A. Lipscomb, the Brigade commander. Capt. E. A. Lane Jr. will command Naval forces and serve as amphibious task force commander.

AIR FORCE IS forming two additional F-4 aircraft units at Homestead AFB, Fla. They are newly activated 15th and 421st squadrons, both assigned to the 4531st Tactical Fighter Wing. The two squadrons will consist of nearly 1,340 military and 12 civilian personnel.

ARMY HAS successfully used the CH-54 "Flying Crane" to do heavy construction work on a river bridge in Vietnam. It was estimated that the airlift, accomplished by the CH-54 in 45 minutes, saved the engineers six months of work. "Flying Crane" opens new possibilities for rapid bridge construction and represents a new and time saving development in airmobility.

DIRECT CONTAINER SERVICE between west coast ports and Da Nang, Vietnam, began in July with the sailing of the SS Bienville from Oakland, Calif. Eventually, it is expected six ships will carry container-packaged military supplies and equipment from Oakland and Seattle. An additional ship will operate a shuttle service between Vietnam ports. Ships are provided by Sea-Land Service, Inc., Elizabeth, N.J., under a two-year contract to the Military Sea Transportation Service.

NAVY'S SPECIAL REQUEST authorization form—better known as the special request "chit"—is to become standardized. A new form is now at the printer and will be available in September to replace the more than 170 different forms now in use. Commands will switch to the new form (NAVPERS 1136/3) when locally-produced forms are depleted.

NEW AIR FORCE research program, Medical Information by Computer Operation, is underway to study and analyze gathering, use, storage and retrieval of AF patient data. Personnel from Aerospace Medical Div., Brooks AFB, Tex., and Electronics Systems Div., Hanscom Field, Mass., have combined to form Data Automation Study Group. Project is to determine requirements for data automation of Air Force medical information.

DESTROYER ESCORT Meyerkord was launched in mid-July at San Pedro, Calif. Ship is named for Lt. Harold D. Meyerkord, a Navy Cross winner, killed while leading a river sortie while Senior Naval Adviser to the River Force of the Vietnamese Navy in 1965. Ship is 415-feet long with a full load displacement of 3,400 tons.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE has awarded contracts totaling $57.7 million to eight companies for production of defoliant chemicals. Officials said the chemicals are for use in Vietnam. The contract awards were made by the Defense General Supply Center, Richmond, Va., a component of DSA.

TWO AIR FORCE Reserve Postal Groups and their eight assigned Air Postal Flights are receiving active duty training at overseas bases for first time. The July-August training period is being conducted on a rotational basis at Tachikawa AB, Japan, and Hickam AFB, Hawaii.

AIR TRAINING COMMAND undergraduate pilot training fleet is scheduled to receive an additional 34 T-41 aircraft by the end of July. The single-engine T-41 is used in the initial phase of pilot training conducted by civilian contractors near UPT bases.

LYCOMING DIVISION of Avco Corp., Stratford, Conn., has been awarded $2.9 million contract for production of engine inlet air, sand, and dust separators for installation in T-53 Lycoming gas turbine engine which powers Army's UH-1 Iroquois helicopter.

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Background for Commanders

THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR 1968*

It is important that we and the other economically advanced countries share with the less developed countries our technological knowledge and our experience in organizing complex economic and social enterprises. It is important that we and others provide some financial assistance.

The less developed countries hold in their own hands the keys to their own future. It is their efforts—not ours or those of other donor countries—that will open the doors to better lives for their peoples. That is why we insist on *self-help.*

Regional Cooperation

Cooperation among the less developed countries themselves can lead to faster progress. Many of them face the same challenges; and by pooling resources and energies they will be better able to meet these challenges. That is why the United States actively encourages and supports *regional efforts.* The movement toward regionalism reflects the growing recognition among both advanced and developing countries of the necessity for economic and political interdependence.

Latin America: In Latin America the Alliance for Progress, now 6 years old, is in some ways a touchstone of our efforts in the less developed areas of the world.

We know the perils to our own security of economic or political instability and social injustice in Latin America. While the Castro regime in Cuba has made a mockery of the aspirations of the Cuban people, it continues to be a reminder of the urgency of our common tasks in Latin America. Castro-supported subversion and insurgency have been quashed in a number of countries. But recent outbreaks in Venezuela and Bolivia indicate a continuing potential for disorder and violence, which warns against apathy. In the Dominican Republic we are working now to help repair a legacy of injustice and inaction.

Near East and South Asia: The countries of the Near East and South Asia are more distant but hardly less important than those in Latin America to the establishment of a reliable and durable peace.

We are pleased that the three major aid recipients there—India, Pakistan and Turkey—have increasingly turned their great talents to the domestic challenges of modernization. These three countries will get about 90 percent of fiscal year 1968 development assistance planned for this region.

Excepting only Vietnam, the India program is our largest economic aid program, although we provide less than half of India's external aid. Members of the Consortium for India have pledged over $6 billion for the third 5-year plan and the first year of the fourth plan —our share has been 42 percent. The efforts of the India Consortium reflect not only India's great needs but the supreme importance which all free nations attach to Indian strength and independence.

Africa: Our sympathies run deep for African aspirations for more decent and plentiful lives. We fully realize the importance of Africa in our contemporary world. Its landmass is more than three times our own, and it holds 300 million people. It is rich in natural resources important to the international community. Its geographical location is pivotal.

There continues to be political instability in Africa. Some 35 countries are experiencing the growing pains of new independence. In these formative years our help can be important in determining the type of societies that will develop in Africa and the role they will play in world affairs.

East Asia: In East Asia, Vietnam and her Southeast Asian neighbors are a most crucial battleground in the struggle for a durable world order. In Vietnam, it is necessary for us to meet our commitments because our commitments are the principal support for the structure of peace. We have sought repeatedly to bring the other side to the conference table, thus far without success. We must persist in all our efforts. As I have said before, our economic assistance programs, while smaller in scale, are as important as our military efforts in the achievement of our objectives.

In Thailand and Laos, it is necessary to conduct substantial economic aid programs to thwart increased Communist subversion and insurgency. Other nations are helping. We expect that requirements for more conventional types of development assistance to Thailand over the next several years will be met by a combination of governments and international institutions.

Korea is now growing at an annual rate of 8 percent and will likely repeat the gratifying economic and social successes already achieved in Taiwan. Both nations show what can be accomplished in a relatively few years.

Our Need to Share

If we are to be negligent about the needs of the rest of the world, we shall soon be in a position of a voracious nation calling upon the rest of the world to feed our own economy in order to widen the gap between us and all the rest. We cannot accept so stark a contrast between the future we would ask for ourselves and the future to which others can aspire. If we are not to become isolated by the choice of others, we must make it clear that we are prepared to engage in their problems, help to share their burdens, and be ourselves a good-citizen nation in the community of nations.

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* *Excerpts from a recent statement by Secretary of State Dean Rusk.*

Navy Spells Out Rules On Enlisted Reserve Cash Clothing Allowance

Navy Reserve enlisted personnel reporting for more than six months active duty, or enlisting in the Regular Navy, will receive a cash clothing allowance if they meet conditions spelled out in Bureau of Naval Personnel Instruction 1020.11E.

Male and female chief petty officers may receive from $100 to $300. The allowance will depend on whether they received an initial clothing allowance, and the amount.

Other enlisted will receive an allowance if they have not previously received any clothing or received only a partial clothing issue.

In all cases, they will receive the clothing maintenance allowance while on active duty.

Air Force F-4D Jets Deployed to SE Asia

The first Air Force F-4D Phantom II jet fighters have been deployed to Southeast Asia.

The aircraft are from the 33rd Tactical Fighter Wing, Eglin AFB, Fla. They are assigned to Ubon Royal Thai Air Base, Thailand, as part of the 8th Tactical Fighter Wing.

F-4D is the latest model of the F-4 weapon system. The D-model has improved avionics equipment for air-to-air and air-to-ground operations.

Outgoing CNO Receives DSM from Pres. Johnson

Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral David L. McDonald received from President Johnson July 13 a gold star in lieu of a second Distinguished Service Medal.

In ceremonies in the White House rose garden, Adm. McDonald was praised for his "superb leadership, judgment and professional skill."

Adm. McDonald is scheduled to retire Aug. 1 after serving four years as CNO. He will be succeeded by Adm. Thomas M. Moorer.

NAVY WELCOMES ARMY—Gen. James K. Woolnough (left), Commanding General, Continental Army Command, receives welcoming honors at Atlantic Command Headquarters, Norfolk, Va. General Woolnough was greeted by Adm. Ephraim P. Holmes (right), head of the unified Atlantic Command and Navy's Atlantic Fleet. Behind Gen. Woolnough is VAdm. Frederick L. Ashworth, Deputy Commander of the Atlantic Command.

Navy Establishes New Research Centers

Navy created three new research centers July 1 in a move to improve application of technology to naval warfare problems.

The centers were formed from existing centers and laboratories in California.

The new centers are:

- Naval Command Control Communications Laboratory Center (NCCC-LC) in San Diego, created from the Navy Electronics Laboratory (less its Underseas Technology Directorate).
- Naval Underseas Warfare Center (NUWC), Pasadena, made up of Pasadena Annex of China Lake Naval Ordnance Test Station and several of its auxiliary sites, and the Underseas Technology Directorate of the Navy Electronics Laboratory.
- Naval Weapons Center (NWC), China Lake, established from the Naval Ordnance Test Station, China Lake and the Naval Ordnance Laboratory, Corona. The Corona portion is called the Naval Weapons Center Corona Laboratories.

Air Force Experiments With Mechanized Systems For Materiel Handling

The Air Force is experimenting with mechanized materiel handling systems. One such system is now being installed at McConnell AFB, Kan., and is scheduled to be in operation later this year.

The system will embody warehouse mechanization techniques such as a driverless tractor operating over a guide wire embedded in the floor and programmed to start and stop automatically at pre-selected locations.

Air Force said the automatic movement of a high volume of materiel within storage and shipping areas will increase operational efficiency, reduce costs, expedite receipt and storage, and reduce damage.

Pilot models will be installed at several bases, Air Force said, with each installation of the system engineered to insure cost effectiveness and compatibility with other facilities.

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